

NAZI REINFORCEMENTS PUSH ALLIES BACK

Convoy Charges Flatly Denied as Barkley Raps Tobey Letters

New Line Set Up
After Violent
German Attack'Second Thermopylae'
Seen by Observers if
Greece Is Saved(Earlier Stories on Page A-1.)
By the Associated Press.

Wave on wave of tank-paced German infantry, attacking with almost suicidal violence, drove the Allies back to a new, shorter line of defense in Northern Greece today, and front-line observers declared that if Greece is saved it will be by "a second Thermopylae."

Thermopylae—literally "the hot gates"—is the mountain pass into Southern Greece where Leonidas and his 300 Spartans made a historic stand against the Persian hordes in 480 B.C.

Dispatches from the fighting zone said Hitler's blitzkrieg armies have not broken through the allied front to the plains of Thessaly, but the British admitted that the arrival of vast numbers of German reinforcements flooding down from the north—presumably from fallen Yugoslavia—had forced the allies to reform their lines deeper in Greece.

Fast Approaching Climax.

It was apparent that the 13-day-old battle of the Balkans was fast approaching a climax.

British Near East headquarters, acknowledging the allied retreat deeper into the Aegean kingdom, declared however the German advance had involved a "costly" toll. Some estimates put the Nazi dead at 50,000.

The Athens radio in a report heard in London announced late today that the struggle in the Wake of Northern Greece continues with great violence and "it must be admitted that the situation is serious."

Objectives Not Reached.

The announcer said, however, that "owing to the stubborn courage and fighting spirit of the defenders of the Allied line, so far the enemy has not succeeded in obtaining his objectives. Thus the battle is by no means being decided."

Premier Mussolini's high command said the Greek left wing was crumbling, with the Greeks falling back along the Adriatic Sea coast in disorder while Fascist columns swept on to the north, toward the ports of Salonica and Thessalonica.

The official Italian news agency said the Duce's armies were in sight of Porto Edda—named after Mussolini's daughter—which is the last Albanian port held by the Greeks.

Heard R. A. F. Attack.

Meanwhile the British announced officially that last night's tempestuous raid on Berlin—the heaviest R. A. F. attack of the war—was executed by "more R. A. F. bombers carrying more bombs than ever before."

"Berlin was checked with fires, for the most part in the heart of the capital," the Air Ministry said of this assault, carried out by the R. A. F. 24 hours after the Germans' worst raid of the war on London.

"There were many bombs, both more high explosives and more incendiaries than was dropped in the last raid on Berlin," the ministry said through its news service. The last raid on April 9 was the biggest up to then on Berlin.

Equistar Captures Feature
At Graw and Pays \$3.40

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE STAR.

HAVRE DE GRACE, April 18.—The Westminster, three-quarter mile feature, proved to be the likeliest of the 6,500 fans when Mrs. Emil Dene-mar's Equistar, odds on favorite, outran four opponents from the barrier to wire.

Paul Keiper shot Equistar on top at the break. Sticking to the rail throughout, the 4-year-old bay son of Equipse and Moving Star, came rolling home in 1:12 2-5 to win easily. He paid \$3.40. J. W. Y. Martin's Slow Motion chased the winner throughout. He was just as handy a winner of the place money over R. Sterling Clark's Trois Pistoles.

Late Races

Other Results, Entries and Postponements on Page 2-X.

Havre de Grace

SEVENTH RACE—Purse, \$1,000; claiming, 4-year-olds and up; 1 mile and 70 yards. (Time, 1:49.4.)
Havre (Shelhamer) 10.00 5.00 3.80
Gipsy (Morris) 8.00 3.10 2.90
Molly (McQuillen) 3.10 2.90
Time, 1:49.4.

Jamaica

SIXTH RACE—Purse, \$1,000; claiming, 4-year-olds and up; 1 1/16 miles and 70 yards. (Time, 1:49.4.)
Havre (Shelhamer) 10.00 5.00 3.80
Gipsy (Morris) 8.00 3.10 2.90
Molly (McQuillen) 3.10 2.90
Time, 1:49.4.

Narragansett

SEVENTH RACE—Purse, \$1,000; claiming, 4-year-olds and up; 1 1/16 miles and 70 yards. (Time, 1:49.4.)
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Keeneland

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No Arms Ships
Given Escort,
Navy InsistsMajority Leader Hits
Senator's Notes as
'Backstairs Gossip'

By J. A. O'LEARY.

Two letters which Senator Tobey, Republican, of New Hampshire presented as evidence that the United States Navy is conveying ships on the Atlantic Ocean were minimized by Majority Leader Barkley as "rumors and backstairs gossip" during a sharp exchange in the Senate today.

Taking the floor shortly after the noon meeting hour to renew his demand that President Roosevelt clarify his attitude on the convoy issue, Senator Tobey read aloud a letter from the relative of an unnamed sailor charging that the American Navy has been engaged in conveying for a month. When this and a letter from a Pennsylvania businessman had been read, Senator Barkley arose and said:

"I took the liberty to confer this morning with Secretary of the Navy Knox and the Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Harold R. Stark, and both of them unequivocally and emphatically authorized me to say that no single ship, American or foreign, carrying war supplies had been or is being conveyed from any place to any place."

"Entitled to Be Accepted."

He further quoted them as saying no orders had been received from any one in a position to give such orders, relating to convoys, and added:

"I take it these statements by the responsible heads of the department are entitled to be accepted by the American people in preference to rumors and backstairs gossip of people who are willing to write letters without giving their names, to the effect that the President of the United States, in this great crisis in our country's history, is attempting to deceive the American people or is conniving to bring about the conveying of ships."

When Senator Barkley's statement brought applause from the crowded galleries, the majority leader sharply admonished the visitors that they were violating Senate rules. He said he did not know whether the demonstration was intended for or against him, but in either case it should not be repeated.

"No Service to People."

When Senator Barkley asserted persons in responsible positions render no service to the American people by encouraging suspicion that the President is not acting in good faith, Senator Tobey took the floor again to declare "It's about time" the heads of the Navy Department enlightened the people.

Denying that he had created any suspicion, Senator Tobey insisted it came "from the inner circles of the administration."

Senator Barkley pointed out that the White House and the Navy Department previously had denied the convoy rumors and added:

"What further can they do?"

Senator Tobey came back with the claim it had taken a speaking campaign on the radio and in the Senate "to smoke them out."

"There wasn't anything to smoke out except the booby-boos of the Senator from New Hampshire," Senator Barkley retorted.

When Senator Tobey started to question the majority leader as to whether he thought convoys would mean war, Senator Barkley said he did not believe anybody could answer that question or foresee what the future may hold.

Senator Reads Letter.

Senator Tobey had identified the letter from the sailor's relative merely as coming from the Atlantic seaboard. The letter reads as follows:

"April 15, 1941.
"My Dear Senator Tobey:
"I know you are again conveying by our Navy. Some information has come to me which has shocked me. I think I should pass it on to you."

"A young relative is in the Navy. He has been at sea on service. He was taken ill and put ashore in order to go to a hospital. I cannot tell you the name of the port. In fact, I should not write this at all, but I think you should know."

Ship Not Identified.

"He tells me that the United States Navy has been conveying."

(See TOBEY, Page 2-X.)

President Leaves
For Hyde Park Home

President Roosevelt left early this afternoon for a week end at his family home in Hyde Park, N. Y. He expected to return Monday or Tuesday and may leave later in the week for a vacation trip to Warm Springs, Ga., depending on foreign developments and the clearing up of an epidemic of measles at the Infirmary Paralysis Foundation.

While at Hyde Park, Mr. Roosevelt will be kept constantly advised by telephone from the State Department of the course of Europe's war.

Harry Hopkins, directing the lease-lend program, accompanied the President.

Travis Is Put
In Class 1-A;
Faces Early Call

CECIL TRAVIS.

Cecil Travis, 27-year-old Washington shortstop, today was notified by this Fayetteville (Ga.) local draft board that he had been placed in Class 1-A, available for immediate military service.

Chairman C. S. Graves informed Travis he probably would be called for induction within a month. Travis, a batting star with the Nationals since 1933, said he would not appeal the classification and is ready to do his duty. He took the physical examination two weeks ago when passing through Fayetteville, Ga.

The player's father, 80, and his mother, 70, both are dependent upon Travis' farm at Riverdale, Ga., for a livelihood, but Travis says his brother Raymond, 35, operates the farm in his absence.

The notification was a severe blow to the Washington baseball club, which only Wednesday afternoon learned that Third Baseman Buddy Lewis also had been placed in Class 1-A by his Belmont (N. C.) draft board.

S. E. C. Attorneys Ask
North American Co.
Be Broken UpWashington Railway
& Electric Co. One
Of Major Subsidiaries

Attorneys of the Securities and Exchange Commission have recommended that the North American Co. divest itself of all but one of its several major operating subsidiaries, including the Washington Railway & Electric Co. This must be done under the Holding Company Act.

Furthermore, it was indicated the move to break up the North American Co. as the second largest utility holding system in the United States may eventually separate the Washington Railway & Electric Co., holding company, and the Capital Transit Co.

For some time the North American Co. has been gradually divesting itself of control of the Washington Railway & Electric Co., by declaring stock dividends of one-fourth of a share of the latter's common stock. Through this procedure, the North American Co. holdings in the W. R. & E. Co. have been reduced to about 35 per cent, according to local estimates.

As outlined by attorneys of the S. E. C., who are attempting to break up the North American, the Potomac Electric Power Co., which is owned outright by the Washington Railway & Electric Co. and the Braddock Light & Power Co., Inc., operating in the Washington area, constitute a single integrated system, but other subsidiaries of W. R. & E. Co., such as the Capital Transit Co., could not be retained.

There was some doubt here as to whether the S. E. C. at this time would attempt to cut the Capital Transit Co. from the W. R. & E. Co. The S. E. C. now is engaged primarily in dissolving the North American. But there was a local report that some time the S. E. C. may get down to an attempt to dissolve the relationship between the local holding company and its operating subsidiary.

Presentation of evidence in the S. E. C.'s integration proceeding against the vast system was completed this week. S. E. C. attorneys intend to ask the commission to find that the North American must choose among the Washington Railway & Electric Co. System, the Cleveland Electric Illuminating System, the Wisconsin-Michigan System, or the Union Electric Co. of Missouri System as the single integrated system which it might retain.

Body of Man About 44
Found Floating in River

The body of an unidentified white man about 44 years old was taken from the Anacostia River this afternoon by Harbor Police and sent to the District Morgue.

The body was seen floating in the river near the Benning Bridge by Helmut Fisher, 1504 Olive street. Police said it apparently had been in the water about a week.

The man was described as bald, about 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighing about 160 pounds and wearing a sweater.

Nationals Lead
Yankees, 7 to 4,
In SeventhWashington Scores
Five of Runs in
4th-Inning Rally

By BURTON HAWKINS.

The Washington Nationals were holding a 7-to-4 lead over the New York Yankees in the seventh inning of the series opener here today. Kendall Chase held the Yanks scoreless for five innings, but the New Yorkers scored three in the sixth and added one more in the seventh.

FIRST INNING.

NEW YORK—Rizzuto singled to left. Rizzuto was out stealing. Evans to Travis as Rolfe fanned. Keller was out. Archie to Chase who covered first. No runs.

WASHINGTON—Case beat out a bunt to Gordon. When Fridy fell while fielding Cramer's grounder Case took second and Cramer was credited with a hit. Chapman sacrificed. Russo to Gordon. The runners held their bases as Russo threw out Lewis. Pofahl batted for Travis who was spiked by Rizzuto on his attempted steal. Pofahl walked, forcing the bases. Bloodworth felled Pofahl at second. Rizzuto to Fridy. No runs.

SECOND INNING.

NEW YORK—Pofahl now playing shortstop for Washington. Lewis threw out Di Maggio. Pofahl made a fine back-handed stab of Gordon's grounder, but was in no position to throw and Gordon beat it out for a hit. Rosar doubled down the right field fence. Gordon stopping at third. Pofahl made a pickup of Bordagaray's smash and threw him out, the runners holding their bases. Bloodworth threw out Fridy. No runs.

WASHINGTON—Archie singled to left. Evans singled to right, sending Archie to third. When Rizzuto relayed wildly to Rife at third base for error Evans took (See BASEBALL, Page 2-X.)

Willkie 'Isn't Man He Used
To Be,' Bishop Declares

(Earlier Story on Page A-6.)

SEATTLE, April 18.—The most Rev. Gerald Spanghnessy, Bishop of Seattle, issued a statement here today asserting Wendell L. Willkie, 1940 Republican presidential candidate "isn't the man he used to be, and in fact he never was."

It was part of the diminutive bearded churchman's response to a telegram from Mr. Willkie asking the bishop to apologize publicly for an Easter sermon critical of Mr. Willkie. In his sermon, the bishop criticized Mr. Willkie as having made campaign statements and pledges he later dismissed as "but campaign oratory." He stated, in answer to Mr. Willkie's challenge today, that the candidate's words could be found on page 905 of the report of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearings last February 11.

Other League Games

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

At Detroit—000 001 001—2 6 0
Detroit—010 001 20x—4 6 0
Detroit—Barby and Hemsley; Bridges and Tobolski.

At Philadelphia—000 000 102—3 8 0
Philadelphia—000 200 000—2 2 0
Batteries—Grove, Benton, Hase and Prikl; Peacock; Knott and Hayes.

At Chicago—000 000 1—
Chicago—000 012—
Batteries—Kennedy, Ostermeier and Grube; Grace, Lewis and Tresh.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

At Boston—230 004 1—
Boston—000 310 0—
Batteries—Casper, Swift and Owen; Tobin, Lamanna and Berres; Mast.

At New York—010 100 000—2 7 2
New York—005 011 00x—7 7 0
Batteries—Tammill, Bruner, Pedregon and Livingston; Bowman and Danning.

At Pittsburgh—000 100 0—
Cincinnati—000 100 0—
Pittsburgh—000 000 4—
Batteries—Walters and West; Butler and Lopez.

At St. Louis—002—
Chicago—000 002—
St. Louis—120—
Batteries—Root and McCullough; Shown and Cooper.

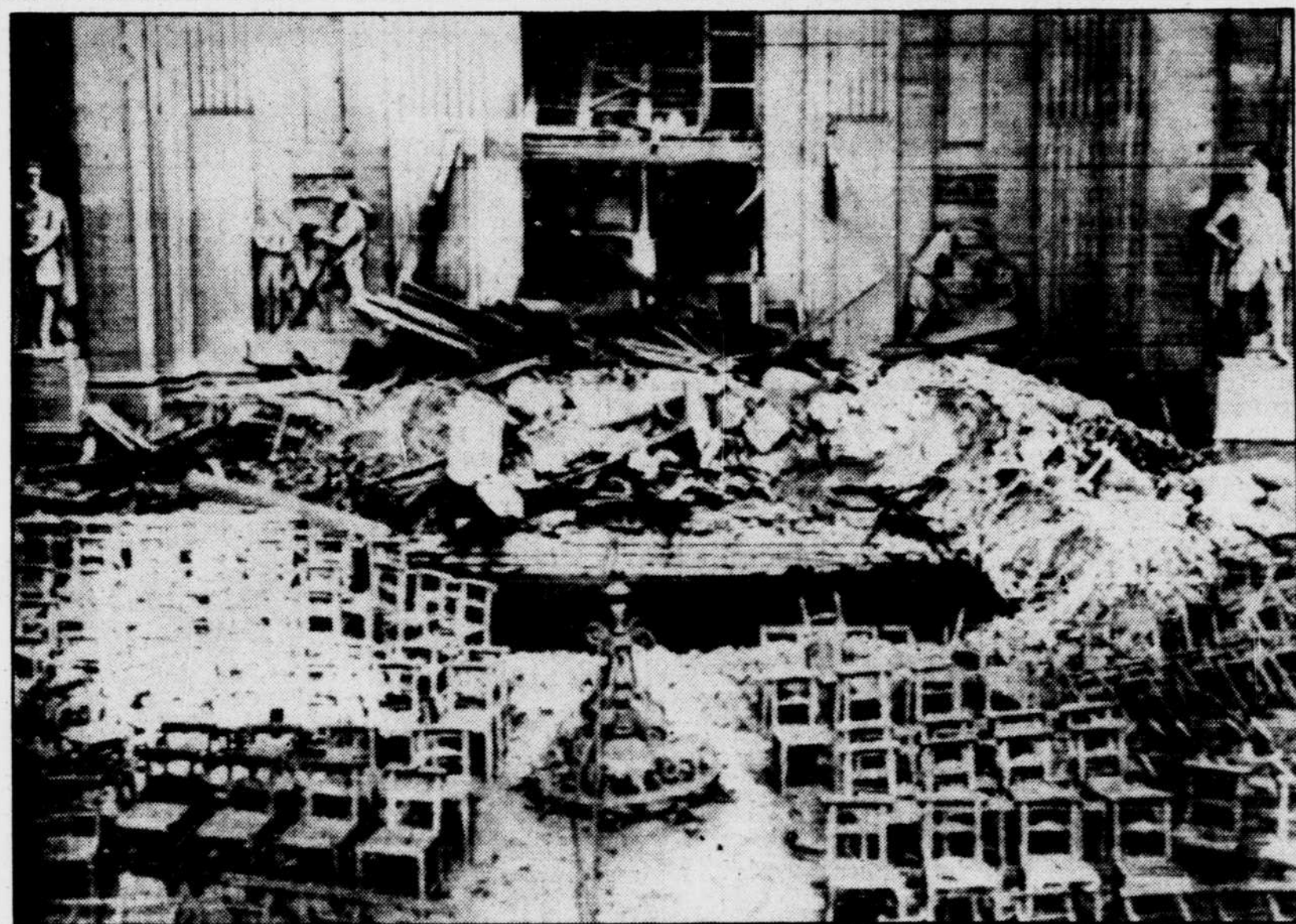
Today's Home Runs

AMERICAN.

Keltner, Cleveland, 6th inning.
Gehring, Detroit, 6th inning.
Doerr, Boston, 7th inning.
S. Chapman, Philadelphia, 4th inning.

Tobett, Detroit, 7th inning.
Doerr, Philadelphia, 9th inning.

NATIONAL.
Reiser, Brooklyn, 2d inning.
West, Cincinnati, 4th inning.
Ott, New York, 3d inning.
Orespi, St. Louis, 2d inning.



LONDON.—ST. PAUL'S BOMBED SECOND TIME.—The second direct hit on famous St. Paul's Cathedral since the war began was disclosed today in an announcement which said it occurred "in a recent raid." (Story on Page 2-X.)

—A. P. Wirephoto via Cable from London.

Robbery Prisoner
Admits Membership
In Nazi Secret PoliceWaiter Gives Details
Of 'Espionage and
Sabotage Setup'

By the Associated Press.

RIVERHEAD, N. Y., April 18.—Sheriff Jacob S. Dreyer said today that a prisoner held on a robbery charge and given him and Federal intelligence officers a 12-page statement admitting he was a member of the German secret police and detailing the "Nazi espionage and sabotage setup in the United States."

Sheriff Dreyer identified the prisoner as Bruno Johannes Valenski, 31, a Central Islip waiter held with four others on charges of robbery. Ellis Island authorities said that when the robbery charge was disposed of, immigration agents would take custody of Valenski on a charge of illegal entry.

The Suffolk County sheriff said that during Valenski's examination and fingerprinting, George Foster, chief of the sheriff's bureau of criminal investigation, noticed a swastika branded on the prisoner's arm.

"Startling Disclosures."

Under protracted questioning, he added, Valenski made many "startling disclosures."

Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and military and immigration officers have been questioning the man for more than a week.

"We cannot disclose the content of Valenski's statement," Mr. Foster said. "It has been very enlightening to officials and has opened many avenues of investigation."

The immigration charge is that Valenski deserted ship in Panama about 14 months ago and entered the United States illegally.

Trained in "Spy School."

Mr. Foster later said Valenski had admitted having been trained for espionage in a Braunschweig, "spy school," specializing later in fortification work in Hannover, Germany.

Mr. Foster quoted Valenski as saying that he had been sent to the Panama Canal to take pictures of fortifications but that he "got cold feet" and deserted, that he then had attempted to enlist in the United States Army three times and, as an alien, had registered for the draft.

German sources in Baltimore and New York had supplied Valenski with funds, Mr. Foster continued, and the New York sources had instructed him to enlist German sympathizers for the German Army. Mr. Foster added that Valenski was required by his superiors to report the names of anti-Nazi persons in German communities here.

Man, 65, Is Accused
Of Threatening Officials

By the Associated Press.

NEW YORK, April 18.—Wesley Hampton, 65, hospital worker and father of seven children, was held on \$1,000 bail by United States Commissioner Garret W. Cotter today on charges of having written a threatening letter to Secretary of Labor Perkins on December 5, 1940. He also was accused of writing letters to President Roosevelt, Mayor La Guardia and others, threatening to blow up hotels and hospitals in New York unless wage conditions were improved.

Federal officials said Hampton was a native of La Belle, Mo.

Late News Bulletins

Jackson Consents to \$257,000 Tax Judgment

Consent to an entry of judgment for \$257,212.84 for income taxes, with interest, dating back to 1928, was made this afternoon in District Court by Robert Jackson, former secretary of the Democratic National Committee, who lived in New Hampshire, but is now practicing law here. A judgment will be drawn up and presented to the court for signature without delay.

British Bombers Set Fire to Two Axis Ships

LONDON (AP).—A 7,000-ton axis supply ship was left burning rapidly at the stern and another 3,000-ton vessel of the same type was left sinking and emitting black smoke after a raid by Blenheim bombers of the coastal command off the Norwegian coast today, the Air Ministry reported.

D. C. West Point Appointment Bill O.K.'d

The Senate Military Affairs Committee made a favorable report this afternoon on the bill to increase the number of District of Columbia appointments to the United States Military Academy from 5 to 9.

Halifax Calls Africa Most Important Front

Viscount Halifax, the British Ambassador, discussed the military situation in North Africa with Secretary Hull today and later expressed the opinion that this was more important now than the Balkan fighting. He said the situation in the Balkans was extremely serious but that he believed the British had "stabilized" axis advances in North Africa.

Earl of Kimberley Killed in Air Raid

LONDON (AP).—The Earl of Kimberley, 57, one of England's great polo players and a veteran of the World War, was killed in Wednesday night's air raid on London. It was disclosed today. As Lord Wodehouse, he had played polo against leading teams of the United States.

G. W. 9; Washington and Lee, 7

George Washington University's baseball team defeated Washington and Lee, 9 to 7, this afternoon on the Ellipse. Joe Fitzgerald's homer with one on in the seventh inning was the big blow of a four-run uprising which gave the Colonials their edge.

Maryland, 7; W. and M., 3, in Fourth

COLLEGE PARK, Md.—Maryland smacked out five hits, one a triple by McDonald, for four runs in the fourth inning to take a 7-3 lead over William and Mary today. Each had scored three times on as many hits in the third session.

Greenberg Placed in Class 1-A;
Board Seeks Golf ChampionTigers' Slugger May
Be Called to Army
Next Month

By the Associated Press.

DETROIT, April 18.—Hank Greenberg, big outfielder of the Detroit Tigers and the American League's most valuable player in 1940, today was placed in a 1-A classification, subject to immediate military service, by a Detroit selective service board.

Draft board officials said the next group to be called to service from (See GREENBERG, Page 2-X.)

Connecticut Wants
Dick Chapman for
Army Induction

By the Associated Press.

GREENWICH, Conn., April 18.—The Greenwich Draft Board indicated today it would seek to return National Amateur Golf Champion Dick Chapman from Montgomery, Ala., where he is serving in a civilian role as an Air Corps physical director, to Connecticut and the draft Army.

While refusing to divulge its plans, (See CHAPMAN, Page 2-X.)

Theft of \$1,080 in New Bills
Laid to Engraving Employee

A colored employee alleged to have smuggled \$1,080 in new \$10 bills from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing was taken to Baltimore late today in an effort to recover \$700 he was said to have dumped down a sewer to escape detection.

The man was identified by secret service agents as Baldwin K. Alexander, 38, of the 100 block of Adams street N.W., a "skilled helper" employed at the bureau for the last 11 years.

Agents said it was the first theft of money in any quantity to occur at the bureau in the last 20 years.

Alexander, agents said, told them he secreted nine uncouth sheets, each containing 12 bills, in his clothing when he left work Monday night. The money had been hanging in the drying room and had not been imprinted with the green numbers and seal, the final step in the printing process.

Several days ago, Alexander, it was said, tried to pass one of the (See THEFT, Page 2-X.)